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SUBJECT: RUMORS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER WILL STEP-DOWN

A RUMOR CIRCULATING THROUGH ASUNCION OFFICIAL AND DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES CLAIMS THAT DR. ALBERTO NOGUES WILL BE FORCED TO STEP-DOWN FROM HIS POST AS FOREIGN MINISTER. THE STORY STATES THAT WHEN NOGUES REPORTED THE EVENTS OF THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PRESIDENT STROESSNER, HE WAS

TOLD HE HAD DONE A BAD JOB AND THAT THE MATTER SHOULD HAVE BEEN FINISHED ONCE AND FOR ALL IN WASHINGTON. (PRESUMABLY REFERRING TO THE WATCHING BRIEF WHICH THE OASGA GAVE THE IAHC TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN PARAGUAY.) NOGUES' PROTESTATIONS THAT DR. ARGANA'S SPEECH HAD BOTCHED THE MATTER REPORTEDLY FELL ON DEAF EARS.. THE STORY ALSO POSTULATES THAT THE ARREST OF OPPOSITION LEADER DOMINGO LAINO HAS COMPLETELY UNDERCUT THE POSITION TAKEN BY NOGUES AT THE OASGA AND THAT HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO FUNCTION CREDIBLY AT ANY OTHER INTERNATIONAL MEETING.

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